

Asa Gray

The enclosure of the 4th Nov 66.
\$20.00 or \$25.00
would not only set me
up for the ink, but also
the Herbarium - which,
for Botany, is with the
Botanic Gardens.

We are pretty well
here. Mr. Gray sends his
love to you all.

If you should see Mr.
Peabody, your eminent
cooperation would be useful.

I have said my say,
and have nothing more to
say, unless I am asked for
further information.

In haste, Ever Yours

A. Gray

Cambridge, 24th Nov. 1866

My Dear Friend

You may wonder I
did not put some reply
to your very kind and
interesting letter of the
31st Oct. - about Mr.
Peabody, &c.

The reason was - besides
that I have been greatly
diverted with work - that
an enquiry from Mr.
Minthorn - Mr. P.'s
confidential adviser, I
suppose, in things of the
sort for this Meridian -
gave me an opportunity
of explaining my views.

and position with con-
siderable fullness —
and my letter is likely
to reach Mr. P. if he
should really entertain
Hobbes's proposition.

In my communication
I included the "Forest
Trees of U. S." in ~~the~~
with the Flora N. Amer.,
as the things which
I was pledged & expected
to execute — as the two
works of some amount
value & importance which,
if I could possibly be able to
give principal attention
to — I could hope to ac-
complish, but hardly otherwise.

I recommended his aid,
if given, to be in the
desirable form of an
endowment — Peabody
fund — for the support
of the Harv. Coll. Inter-
views — given therefore
to the University — not
to any individual — with
the understanding that
while needed — a portion,
or the whole, as need be,
of the income should go
to provide me a com-
petent assistant in it,
for which would enable
me to re-arrange my
work, and throw off a
good part of what now
presses such heavy
demands on my attention.